Tamil Guerilla groups in India

238. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sri Lankan Tamil guerilla groups are operating from Indian soil;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The information is being obtained from the Government of Tamil Nadu and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cleaning of DTC buses

239. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the buses under DTC operation are not cleaned, swept and dusted by the private owners daily before operation;

(b) whether it is a fact that DTC-owned buses are also not swept, cleaned and dusted before they take off from the Depots for the first time in a day; and

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in affirmative, the concrete steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The DTC have informed that some instances where the buses of private owners are not cleaned properly, have been noticed. As regards DTC's buses, regular arrangements have been made to ensure that before outshedding from the Depots, the buses are swept, cleaned and dusted.

(c) A statement regarding the steps taken by DTC in respect of both DTC and Private owned buses is enclosed.

Statement

There are strict instructions to the owners of the private buses to keep their buses neat, clean and tidy while plying on the routes.

The private buses are being checked on line by a special squad consisting of the DTC checking officials. In case any irregularity is detected, the buses are being challaned on the spot and departmental action is initiated against the owner of the bus.

Besides this, action is also being taken on receipt of the public complaints/reports in this regard.

As a result of checking by DTC's checking officials, 39 private buses were challaned for non-cleanliness of buses and fine levied.

As on date, the DTC is having a fleet strength of 4408 buses. For cleaning, washing and sweeping of the vehicles, 22 cleaners are provided against 100 buses. In the depots, all the buses are thoroughly swept in the night shift where sufficient no. of sweeper/cleaners are provided specially for the purpose. In case of any left-over in the night shift, the depots have provided sweepers/cleaners in the morning shift also to clean and sweep the left-over vehicles from the night shift. DTC has also provided sweepers/cleaners at various terminals to sweep and clean the vehicles during the shift change-overs. The depots have also time roster for washing twice in a week glass cleaning of buses. The buses are also checked at the depot gate for their cleanliness and presentability by the Traffic Inspectors, posted at the Depot Control Room, before these are sent on line.

Jharkhand problem

240. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any headway in solving the Jharkhand problem; and